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Serial No. 10/696,416 Examiner: Monica M. PYO
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INCREASING TRANSACTION
CONCURRENCY BY EARLY RELEASE OF LOCKS IN GROUPS

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment mailed May 9, 2007, Applicants submit an Amendment Accompanying a Request for Continued Examination which has been amended to meet the requirements of MPEP 1.121(c).

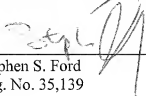
In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Amendment was considered unacceptable because the amendment document did not indicate the proper status identifier for claim 15.

In response, Applicants have revised the Amendment to indicate the correct status identifier for claim 15. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicants respectfully suggest that this amendment places the application in condition for examination, and so request that the above amendment to the present application be entered before examination on the merits. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned with any questions concerning this Amendment.

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